



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re: Patent Application of:

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### DECLARATION OF ED O. SCHLOTZHAUER UNDER 37 CFR §1.131

I, Ed. O. Schlotzhauer, being duly sworn, state as follows:

#### FACTS

1. I believe that I am a first and original inventor of the subject matter of pending U.S. patent application Patent Application No. 09/955,796 filed on September 18, 2001. I conceived of the claimed invention on a date at least as early as prior to June 29, 2001.
2. I, together with my co-inventors Gary W. Beyer and Tammy Jo Risa, timely submitted the four-page invention disclosure attached hereto. A patent application based on this invention disclosure was diligently prepared and filed on September 18, 2001 as U.S. Patent Application No. 09/955,796.
3. Based upon my review of the above-referenced patent application, the subject matter of at least claims 1 and 21 is described on pages two to four under the heading "Description of the Invention" and is also found on pages 5-15 of the Specification filed as U.S. Patent Application No. 09/955,796.

The information and opinions provided herein are sworn to be true and to be originated by me. I further declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and believe are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of the present application or any patent issued thereon.

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